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SUBJ: DIVERSION OF MAP SUPPORT

REF: ADDIS 2286

1. CMAAG HAS TAKEN FOLLOWING ACTIONS VIA-A-VIS NEW CABINET RE APPARENT DIVERSION OF 2000 MAP MI RIFLES FROM ARMY TO POLICE ON 11 FEB 74:

A) DISCUSSED MATTER IN DETAIL WITH FORMER MINDEF (MOD) 3 MARCH 74 AND REQUESTED THAT HE CONVEY SERIOUSNESS OF MATTER TO NEW MODKB

B) SENT LETTER AS FOLLOWS TO NEW MOD ON MARCH 5.

2. QUOTE DIVERSION OF MAP RESOURCES TO POLICE.

A) ENCLOSURE 1 IS A LETTER I SENT GENERAL KEBEDE CONCERNING THE APPARENTLY UNAUTHORIZED DIVERSION OF 2000 MT CYCLES FROM MAP TO POLICE NJ 11 FEB 74. SINCE SUCH DIVERSION OF MAP RESOURCES IS CLEARLY PROHIBITED BY UNITED STATES LAW, THIS IS VERY SERIOUS MATTER.

B) ENCLOSURE 2 IS GENERAL KEBEDE'S RESPONSE, AND ENCLOSURE 3 MY RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER. AS YOU CAN SEE HIS RESPONSE WAS NOT FAVORABLY CONSIDERED BECAUSE IT DID NOT FACE THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF MAP WEAPONS SECRET

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APPARENTLY HAVING BEEN ISSUED TO POLICE.

C) IN VIEW HIGH LEVEL OF CONCERN IN U.S. CONGRESS ABOUT MAP RESOURCES NOT BEING USED IN SUPPORT OF THE POLICE, I AM PERSONNALLY CONCERNED THAT THIS MATTER MAY PREJUDICE TO SOME DEGREE ITS APPROACH TO FUTURE SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA AND ULTIMATELY SERVE TO ETHIOPIA'S LONG-TERM DETRIMENT. D) THEREFORE, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU TAKE THE ACTION REQUESTED IN ENCLOSURE 3 ASAP. E) I NOTE THAT HIM HAS PLACED THE POLICE UNDER YOUR CONTROL IN THE INTEREST OF A COORDINATED EFFORT TOWARD LAW AND ORDER, THIS, NO DOUBT, INCREASES THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER MAP RESOURCES DIVERSIONS TO THE POLICE. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR ACTIVE ASSISTANCE IN PRECLUDING ANY FUTURE DIVERSIONS, LEST WE END UP WITH A VERY, VERY SERIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE, LEGAT AND POLICY BREACH. UNQUOTE. (ENCLOSURES 1-3 REFERRED TO ARE QUOTED FULLY IN REFTEL.)

3. DISCUSSED MATTER WITH THE NEW POD ON 5 MARCH 74 IN SAME VEII BP ADDRESSED IN ABOVE LETTER. NEW MOD ASSURED CMAAG HE WOULD GIVE ATTENTION TO MATTER. WE WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. WYMAN

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